

(G) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - COMMUNIST FUGITIVES - INTERNAL SECURITY - C - Bureau File 100-3-98 -- During the course of the investigations to locate the missing Communist IO fugitives and underground functionaries, it has been observed that many of the individuals found to be active in the Communist underground are veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Several of the persons who assisted Gus Hall in his attempt to flee the United States were also veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Most field offices have conducted considerable investigation concerning individual veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade residing in their area. The Bureau, by SAC Letter Number 74 dated May 10, 1948, furnished the Field a summary memorandum on the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which included a partial list of those veterans who also served in the United States Army, Navy and Merchant Marine during World War II.

It is felt that in connection with our efforts to penetrate the underground, develop informants active in the underground and locate the missing Communist fugitives, particular attention should be directed toward conducting discreet investigations of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to determine their present activities. If these investigations develop information reflecting that an individual is active in the Communist underground, then consideration should be given to requesting Bureau authority to interview him in an attempt to develop this individual as an informant on Communist underground activities.

Very truly yours,

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